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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE GERMAN RAIDER.

Will She Share the Fate of the Greif?

London, January 18.

Naval experts are confident that the German raider will shortly share the fate of the Greif. They are of opinion that she began operations in the North Atlantic and then went south.

Probably the Saint Theodore was used as a supply ship or for the purposes of scouting, or she may imitate the Appam and make a dramatic appearance in a neutral port.

The experts point out that the tonnage accounted for by the raider, totalling fifty thousand tons, including the White Star liner Georgic, is not surprisingly large, considering the length of time, now six weeks, since the raider has been operating, and is unequal to the bag of the Moewe during a shorter period.

GERMAN FOOD SCARCITY.

Will Denmark and Holland be Raided?

London, January 18.

A letter by a neutral who has toured through a dozen leading German centres is published. He says that though he did not hear of actual starvation, the feeling is growing that Germany is faced with the prospect that she will not be able to continue the struggle unless raids are made on Denmark and Holland for meat, corn, butter and oil.

The greatest scarcity is in leather, while goldiers from the front complain most bitterly about the deterioration of food.

THE GREEK SITUATION.

A Berlin Conference.

London, January 18.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Austrian Premier and Food Director have gone to Berlin to confer on the food question.

King Constantine's Preference.

London, January 18.

The Times' correspondent at Athens says that King Constantine, thankful to have saved the Turcos, would have accepted any ultimatum in preference to embarking on an uncertain military adventure, for it was known that General Sarraïl would have been able to devote himself to the entire destruction of the Greek Army.

A Revival of Savagery.

London, January 18.

An account of an extraordinary ceremony at which an anathema was pronounced against M. Venizelos in Athens, on Christmas Day, by the ecclesiastical party, has reached Reuter's correspondent. The episode reads like a savage rite. It appears that the Metropolitan of Athens solemnly excommunicated a bull's head, presumably symbolising M. Venizelos' body. The Prelate cast a first stone at it, after which each member of an organised crowd acted similarly and simultaneously uttered malediction on the man who "plotted against the King." But King Constantine's appearance as a Hottentot witch doctor had unexpected results, for it appears that at night-time a cairn of stones was covered with masses of flowers to which ribbons were attached inscribed "From the Venizelists of Athens."

Venizelists Released.

London, January 18.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, all the arrested Venizelists have been released.

Why Greece Caved In.

London, January 18.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the newspapers attribute the Greek acceptance of the Allies' demands to General von Hindenberg's inability to send reinforcements to the Balkans, in view of the activity of the Russians, and the probability of an Allied offensive.

No News of Falkenhayn.

London, January 18.

The Foreign Office has no news of the reported arrival of General von Falkenhayn in Greece.

NEW RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER.

London, January 18.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that General Belieff, former Chief of the General Staff, has been appointed War Minister in succession to General Schouvaïeff.

CALLING UP AGRICULTURISTS.

London, January 17.

The War Office is calling up half of the unemployed agriculturists, and is making arrangements to place thousands of men unfit for service in the ranks at the disposal of the farmers.

THE WAR LOAN.

Contributions Rolling In.

London, January 17.

The progress of the War Loan continues to absorb interest. Municipalities and great commercial houses are piling up the total rapidly with large contributions. The eleven highest subscriptions yesterday amounted to ten millions sterling.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE RUMANIAN SITUATION.

Enemy Counter-Attacks Repulsed.

London, January 18.

The Rumanian communiqués, which had been temporarily suspended, have been resumed.

On January 17, enemy counter-attacks were repulsed with great loss. We maintain our positions. There has been a reciprocal bombardment on the Danube, in which the Russo-Rumanian fleet is participating.

Attempted Offensive Arrested.

London, January 18.

A wireless Russian official message says:—Our fire arrested attempts at an offensive to the south of the Oltz.

The Rumanians repulsed Germans to the south of Mostarika and surrounded the height south-west of Prasla. Many prisoners were captured.

A Russian Bombardment.

London, January 18.

A German official message announces that a Russian attack south of the Oltz road was repulsed.

The Russians are bombarding Tulcea and Iacova.

Position Considerably Improved.

London, January 18.

The French papers regard the re-appearance of Rumanian communiqués as indicating that the Rumanian position has considerably improved.

AN INDIAN WAR LOAN.

London, January 18.

The India Office has announced the raising of the special War Loan in India in 1917-18 of an unlimited amount, which will be entirely handed over to the British Government for war purposes. Terms will be announced in an Indian financial statement. They will be not less favourable than Home borrowings.

THE "FIELD" RAID.

A Protest by the Editor.

London, January 18.

Mr. Theodore Cook, the editor of the Field, in a letter to the Times, protests against the police and military raid on his office. He explains that he bought the rights of a new and powerful explosive, invented by a neutral, that an important Ally had successfully tested it, but that the War Office refused to adopt the explosive.

Mr. Cook declares that two officers of the War Office are persecuting him, and he demands a public enquiry. He says that the Field is absolutely unconnected with the powder controversy.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

A Battle in the Snow.

London, January 18.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, writing on Wednesday night, says that the Canadian raid in the snow in this morning was interesting because the assailants were in proper battle order and the Germans were expecting an attack. Their resistance was a fair measure of their powers of defence, while the ground was virgin soil, not having been fought over since October 1914.

Heavy guns had for ten days slowly bombarded, effectively cutting the wire.

It was snowing in the morning when the Canadians dashed out, covered by the smoke of the bombardment, on a front of 850 yards. There was hard fighting in the first line, where a number were taken prisoner, and the second line, three hundred yards in the rear, was entered, the Canadians remaining half an hour. The enemy left, but resisted with bombs. He was repulsed elsewhere and surrendered most freely.

There were twenty-eight prisoners from one dug-out, and most of the other dug-outs were bombed, hence their losses were heavy. The Canadians' casualties were very slight, and they brought back all their wounded.

The Enemy Repulsed.

London, January 18.

A French communiqué says:—After a heavy three-hour bombardment, the enemy made a series of reconnaissances at Bois des Chevaliers on the heights of the Meuse, which were repulsed with loss.

A German Admission.

London, January 18.

A German official message says:—We evacuated an advanced position at Serre, on January 12, but the British attacking there yesterday sustained heavy losses.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP.

London, January 18.

Prince Goltz, the new Russian Premier, has telegraphed assuring Mr. Lloyd George of loyal co-operation, rendering more intimate the Anglo-Russian union, and assuring the triumph of honour and right.

Mr. Lloyd George has replied that he is happy to feel that he can rely on Prince Goltz's support.

THE BANK RATE.

London, January 18.

The Bank of England rate of discount is now 5½ per cent.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

Rescued Crews Landed.

London, January 18.

A steamer has landed eighty-four of the crews of the submarine torpedo boats Achenberg and Knapurney (British) and Oak (Danish).

Four of the crew of the Achenberg were drowned. The steamer was forced to throw over her cargo and to follow the submarine for four days.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

German Position Penetrated.

London, January 18.

A German official message says:—The Russians, attacking with tenfold superior numbers, penetrated an advanced post north of Grashin, but were driven out.

NEW BRITISH LOAN IN AMERICA.

London, January 18.

According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, Messrs. Morgan announces the flotation of a British Loan of fifty-five millions sterling, in the form of five-and-a-half per cent. convertibles, dated February 1. Twenty millions will mature in a year, and the remainder in two years.

ITALIANS DEFEAT REBELS IN TRIPOLI.

London, January 18.

An Italian communiqué says:—We completely defeated five thousand rebels at Zora, Tripoli, on January 18. The enemy's losses were a thousand.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

REPLY TO NEUTRAL PEACE NOTE.

Paris, January 17.

The Allies have replied to the Swiss and Scandinavian peace Notes backing up that of President Wilson and declare their inability to meet the wish for the reasons already despatched to President Wilson.

FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

London, January 17.

A German official communiqué states the artillery battle increased in violence at several points in the west.

The Russo-Rumanians fiercely continued their attacks in the east Carpathians, with heavy masses of men, against the high positions we recently snatched, gaining a footing on one summit but were repulsed elsewhere. Advanced Turkish posts near Vadeni were withdrawn before superior forces.

It claims that during an unspecified period sixteen German aeroplanes were lost in fights as compared with sixty-six belonging to the Allies, of which 22 were captured.

RUSSIAN POLITICAL CHANGES.

Petrograd, January 18.

It is understood the ex-Foreign Minister, M. Sazonoff will succeed the late M. Benckendorff at the Russian Embassy in London.

BRITISH SUCCESSES IN THE WEST.

London, January 18.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—This morning, after a heavy bombardment, we occupied a line of posts to the north of Beaumont-sur-Ancre, the whole of the objectives being gained on a frontage of 600 yards, with few casualties. Our observation in this area considerably improved. Our artillery barrage in the afternoon broke up a counter-attack with heavy loss. The position is being consolidated. We carried out in the neighbourhood of Lens important raids with complete success. The German positions to the south of Cite Colonne and to the west of Lens were entered late on Tuesday under cover of a heavy bombardment.

We reached the supporting line and bombed and destroyed dugouts, inflicting many casualties. Our losses were small. The Canadians this morning made a successful daylight raid to the north-east of Cite Colonne and entered trenches on a front of 700 yards to a depth of 300 yards to the second line. Heavy losses were inflicted and all the dugouts were completely wrecked. A hundred men were made prisoners. The artillery and machine guns co-operated with the infantry very effectively. Our casualties were slight.

ANOTHER LARGE SUBSCRIPTION TO WAR LOAN.

London, January 18.

London County Council has subscribed £7,000,000 to the War Loan.

RUMANIA CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

London, January 18.

Telegrams from Jassy, dated the 16th inst., state that the King in his New Year Order to the Army on their present trials, says that their undiminished valour justifies confidence in future victory.

The latest reports from the front say that the enemy's offensive has greatly slackened and their attacks become fewer and weaker.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE JAPANESE NAVAL DISASTER.

London, January 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states that boats from other ships were unable to approach the battle cruiser Tanaka—recently sunk as a result of an explosion—but they picked up sailors from the water, many of them being wounded.

It is believed that the Tanaka broke in two. About half the complement were ashore on leave, it being Sunday, and the exact number of fatalities will not be known until the absentees have been recalled. It is believed that Commander Aima and a number of officers were also ashore at that time of the explosion.

OPIUM RAIDS IN LIVERPOOL.

London, January 17.

Thirty-one houses were arrested by the police in raids last night in opium dens in Liverpool. Much opium was seized. The police at one place were attacked by a big retriever dog and a number of Chinese who threw boots and other articles from a house-top.

BOGUS "RUSSIAN CHAMBER."

Wound Up by Founders, Who Got no Money Back.

Two minutes sufficed to secure a winding-up order against the "Russian Chamber of Commerce in London."

No one appeared in the Chancery Court to say a word on behalf of the Chamber in opposition to the petition which was submitted to Mr. Justice Neville; and the order was made after a very brief explanatory statement.

Mr. C. A. Bennett (instructed by Messrs. Woodhouse, Brown and Co.), in support of the petition of the Anglo-Continental Produce Co., Limited, and others, said that the Chamber was incorporated as an unlimited company on March 25, 1915. There were three judgment creditors who had become founders of the chamber, paying 100 guineas apiece for doing so. They instituted proceedings in the King's Bench Division to rescind their contracts to become founders; and on November 20 last they recovered judgment for rescission and for repayment of the 100 guineas each, with interest. That money had not been repaid. It had been demanded under circumstances stated in the petition. The company had a registered office in Regent-street, but apparently no business was done there. Registered letters were sent to that address and also to Sardinia House, where the company was in fact carrying on business, as well as to the solicitors on the record for the company. However, the demands made were not complied with.

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Tuesday, January 23.
Chinese New Year. General Holiday.

Wednesday, January 24.
General Holiday.

Friday, January 26.
St. John's Cathedral.—Meeting of Seetholders and Subscribers. 5.30 p.m.

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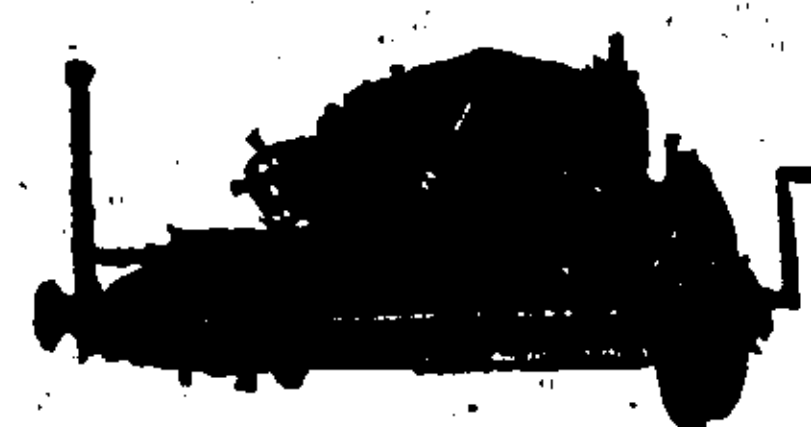
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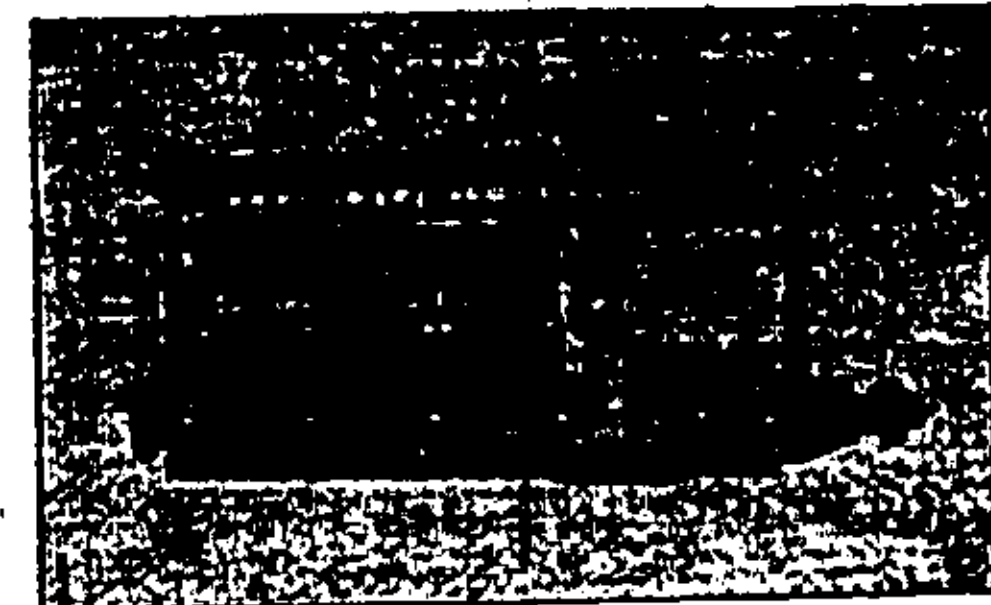
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GENERAL NEWS.

Tientsin, Wuchang and Canton Mints.

Peking, Jan. 11.-According to the returns, the Tientsin, Wuchang and Canton Mints minted new coins to the value of \$136,782,000 last year, in addition to withdrawing old coins from circulation and re-minting them to the value of \$38,657,000.

Number 1. Iron Cross for Kaiser!

An official announcement issued in Berlin says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, as the oldest active General of the Prussian army, in the name of the army, has made a request to the Emperor that he himself wear the grand cross of the Iron Cross. The Emperor has accepted.

Physicians' Fees on Instalment Plan.

Fees based upon the earning capacity of the individual will be charged at the hospital, the first of its kind in the country, which is to be erected by the New York Diagnostic Society, according to Dr. M. Joseph Mandelbaum, the president. If the person who needs examination cannot afford to pay the fee charged he will be permitted to settle on the instalment plan, it was stated.

Beerholm Tree's Daughter

Engaged.

Sir Herbert Beerholm and Lady Tree of London have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Iris Tree, to Curtis Moffat of New York. Miss Tree came to Chicago with her father, who is at the Blackstone. She left New York last month. Miss Tree has written some verses, a volume of which will be published shortly in London. Mr. Moffat is the son of Mrs. Aline Oraves Moffat.

The Tomb of Yuan Shih-kai.

If the report be correct, Yuan Shih-kai, though dead, will cost the Government another \$600,000 for the building of his "Imperial" tomb. The work, it is said, will begin early in the New Year, and the contract has been awarded to a Shanghai contractor. The remarkable part of it is, says the Peking Gazette, that the person in charge of the undertaking is Chu Chi-chien, one of the leading monarchists, the ex-Minister of Interior. He has wired to a certain high official about the awarding of the contract and asking for money to start the work. The report says that the necessary funds for this purpose will be drawn from the Government treasury.

China and the War.

Chinese newspapers report that Washington has inquired of Peking its attitude in respect of President Wilson's Peace Note. The following reply is said to have been sent: This effect of the war on China is very great. In respect of economic and industrial affairs, China has to depend upon the assistance of friendly Powers in many ways. Our country is unable to effect anything, being somewhat handicapped by the war. Now, at your esteemed country wishes to end the war as quickly as possible, China gladly concurs and is quite willing to join and co-operate, not only owing to her own interest being involved but also because of her wanted sincere desire for peace at all times.

Indigo and the F. M. S.

Mr. S. A. O'Keefe, of Bangalore, writes to the Peking Gazette: Kindly permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to bring to the notice of those concerned, and especially that of the Governments of the Straits and Federated Malay States, the necessity of reconstituting the planting and production of indigo in P. W. and the F. M. S. In the seventies, indigo vats were a conspicuous feature, being dotted all over P. W. and Krian, etc., the planting being done by Chinese squatters on sugar cane and tobacco plantations. These with the advent of aniline dyes were reduced almost to extinction. The death of blue dyes should be noted, especially, in foster this important industry.

If you have lost your copy of the Peking Gazette, please apply to the Peking Gazette Office, 10, Queen's Road, for a new copy.

GENERAL NEWS.

Dr. McIlroy.

Dr. M. McIlroy, a member of the Shackleton Expedition who was among those marooned on Elephant Island, and who has now joined the Army as a doctor, was formerly in the F.M.S. Government Service, being health officer in Ipoh for some time. Prior to that he was in Kuala Lumpur.

Revolutionary Troops in Shantung.

Peking, Jan. 11.—The Shantung members of parliament have wired the Military Governor of Shantung that they have arrived at an arrangement with the Government by means of which they hope definitely to settle the question of the disbandment of the revolutionary troops in Shantung. The revolutionary leader, Wu Tai-chow, is willing to submit.

Not by Taxation.

Mr. George E. Roberts, formerly director of the United States mint, says that the huge national debts being piled up by European belligerents will not be paid by oppressive taxation or by stifling economies that tend to lower the vitality and productive powers of the people. "The indebtedness of all the warring countries," he says, "is mainly to their own people, and the capital which is transferred by taxation to the holders of Government bonds will remain available for investment in industry, for the employment of labour and for carrying on the business of the country."

A Ridiculous Will.

The Probate Court has decided that the will of the Hindhead lady who left £5,000 each to two nephews on condition that they renounce Roman Catholicism within twelve months of her death shall hold good, even though the nephews are boys of six and nine respectively. Even if they were grown men, remarks the *Singapore Free Press*, the stipulation would be monstrous; and one may hope that a time will come when tyrannous and eccentric conditions of this kind will no longer be held valid. They show a state of mind which (if permitted to indulge itself) is not less perilous to the community than recognised insanity.

Chartered Bank's New Premises at Seremban.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1917.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

In our news columns to-day will be found a war appeal, on behalf of British prisoners in Germany and elsewhere, which we most heartily commend to the notice of our readers. In the matter of subscribing to the various funds which have been brought into existence during the war, Hongkong has displayed a measure of generosity which does it great credit. That point is well established by the latest list of subscriptions issued by the local War Charities Committee, the eleventh sent out by that body. This shows that a sum of no less than \$198,888.57 has so far been received by the Committee, of which \$183,407.25 has been earmarked and remitted. It is interesting to note, too, that the list contains the names of fourteen distinct funds which have been helped, apart from the donations and subscriptions to the general fund. But this in no sense represents all that has been done in the way of assisting charitable funds in Hongkong, for there must be many people here who have been in the habit of contributing to such funds otherwise than through the medium of the War Charities Committee.

The appeal which is now being specially made is in aid of the Central Prisoners of War Fund, and it comes to us with peculiar force from the fact that a prominent part in the work which is being done by the Committee of the Fund is in the hands of former residents of Hongkong. In the early days of the war, the measures taken for the relief of those of our troops who had the misfortune to fall into hands of the enemy were largely spasmodic and ill-directed, with the result that anomalies were necessarily caused. Ample testimony to that fact can be found in the statement that, during a certain fortnight, parcels of food were checked and it was found that some thirty per cent. of the men were getting hardly anything, while others were getting far too much, and the surplus from these was, in many cases, passing to the Germans. Thus it was that the Committee came into existence, charged with the task of organising the despatch of necessities to all our prisoners. The result is that every British prisoner now receives three parcels of food a fortnight, as well as 13 lbs. of bread. That they appreciate—nay, absolutely need—these gifts is evident from the information which has been received to the effect that our men live practically entirely on the parcels which they receive, as "the German rations are barely enough to keep a man from starvation." The magnificent work which the Committee is doing may be gauged when it is remembered that in its voluntary labours it despatches no fewer than 2,300 parcels a day. These parcels are saving British soldiers from terrible sufferings.

We need not further indicate the manner in which those who sympathise with our prisoners can render them help—the ways and means are admirably set forth in the appeal. But we do desire to press and emphasise the essential worthiness of the cause. Were we but fighting an honourable enemy who was prepared to play the game, there would never be any need to come to the aid of our prisoners in this way. But Germany, with an inhumanity which she will never be able completely to live down, is prepared to treat the prisoners who have fallen into her hands worse than she would a pack of hounds. British prisoners may die of starvation while Germans in England are living on the fat of the land. Unhappily, the prospects for the future are all too black. Germany is now beginning to feel the pinch of the blockade, and we may take it for a certainty that the prisoners within her borders will suffer more, rather than less, in the days ahead. That fact alone should cause a greater unloosening of the purse-strings by those who, like most of us in Hongkong, are living in comfortable surroundings. Let us see to it that those who have fought our country's battles shall at least be able to eat on the aid of those of their own blood to keep them from perishing from starvation in a strange land.

Mr. Theodore Cook.

With the merits or demerits of the case of the Editor of the *Fi Id*, as reported in yesterday's and today's wires, we have nothing to do; but British journalists throughout the world will bear with sincere regret that one of their best men is in trouble; and it need hardly be said that this regret will extend to all good sportsmen, among whom the name of Theodore Cook has been great in the land as far back as his Oxford days. As a lad at Radley he was captain of the football team and of the boats; he rowed in the Oxford boat in 1889 and captained the English fencing team in Paris in 1903. Intellectually he is just as big a man. He gained an open scholarship to Oxford, where he had a distinguished career and, on leaving, devoted himself to journalism, both regular and irregular, later becoming Assistant Editor of the *St. James' Gazette*, and finally joining the staff of the *Daily Telegraph*. In addition to composing music, studying art, and contributing to numerous periodicals, Mr. Cook has found time to produce more than a dozen books, all more or less charming in style and subject. He is a splendid sample of British versatility, and all will wish him a happy release from his difficulties.

Boche and Blasphemy.

The other day Reuter cabled to the effect that that pious monarch, William of Germany, was urging the necessity of the people's finding a ruler "who has a conscience, who feels he is responsible to God," etc., etc., adding, "Trusting in God, I shall dare to take this step." Again, yesterday, the world was edited by the holy statement of the Minister of Hun Finance, who bleathered out: "Our true God will be with us." It was always a habit of the Kaiser to make as free as possible with the Name of God; in fact to claim that there was a recognised equality between himself and the Deity. When he was not playing with tin soldiers and winning imaginary wars, he was usually occupied in preaching sermons to his troops, at which they must have sworn right heartily. His lordships, naturally follow in his steps, and thus we find the Almighty dragged into every dirty scheme that the most despicable race under the sun can conceive. One wonders how much longer the antics of this crowned clown will continue. Will he maintain his sanctified pose to the last, and make a record-breaking martyr's speech when the British hang him, the French guillotine him or the Russians lose him in some muk-hole in Siberia? And will he expect miracles to be worked at his tomb after he is gone?

More Madness.

It would seem that religious madness is not confined to the Germans, for one of to-day's wires describes a ceremony in Athens which, if the account be authentic, shows some of the fervent royalists in Greece to be ripe candidates for the nearest lunatic asylum. The Greek Orthodox Church has done some weird and wild things in its time, but some of its votaries to-day seem determined to bring more ridicule than ever on the national Faith. The other day it was stated that a Greek priest made himself responsible for a fair share of the clubbing of Venizelist prisoners; and now we have (one can hardly credit the report) the statement that no less a dignitary than the Metropolitan of Athens has been lending himself to a piece of vulgar mount-bank-m, ridiculous enough to make the Athenians of old time rise from the dead in derision thereof. This successor to a line of great ecclesiastics is said to have excommunicated a bull's head—supposed, for some reason or other, to typify M. Venizelos—and then to have flung a stone at it! If the Eastern Church is going to lend itself to this kind of thing in order to serve political ends, it is scarcely surprising that both Western Church and Mohammedans should describe its adherents as more heathen. But surely—surely someone has been doing some lag-galling.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 3 13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 17th anniversary of Baskin's death.

Civil Service List.

We have received a copy of the Hongkong Civil Service List for 1917, which, besides the usual particulars, contains a historical abstract and trade reports.

Macao Excursion.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's steamship *Tai Shan*, will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 a.m. on Sunday and return from Macao at 5 p.m.

Disfiguring the Hillsides.

A father serious case of cutting trees was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, it being shown that the defendant had cut two large bundles of thick stakes from the hillsides at West Point. His Worship imposed a fine of \$15, or 14 days' hard labour.

Theft from a Stall.

Whilst a stall-holder was serving a customer at one end of his stall, a "scallywag" snatched three caps off at the other end and made off with them. He was soon caught, and, when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Impersonating a Constable.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with assuming the name, designation and character of a constable. It appeared that the defendant was formerly employed by a European mess at Wanchai, and that he went up to a number of hawkers and, representing that he was Constable 394, demanded money under the threat of moving them on. This came to the ears of the police, and, when defendant appeared in Court this morning, he was fined \$25, or six weeks' hard labour.

Defendant of 88 Years.

An old man, 83 years of age, was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, charged with approaching too near Kellet Island. Evidence was given that the old man was fishing, and a boat was put off from the island to arrest him. His grandson got frightened and jumped overboard. Inspector Gordon told his Worship that the old man had fished near the point for years, and possibly a strong current had taken the boat too near the shore. His Worship dismissed the case with a caution.

Both to Blame.

Two men, both with damaged faces, were before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, one as a complainant and the other as defendant in an assault case. Complainant alleged that he was walking along with his ricksha when defendant threw a piece of pumelo peel at him, and, as a result, a quarrel took place, in which he was badly assaulted. Defendant maintained that the peel was thrown from a verandah, and that complainant struck him on the head with a piece of wood. His Worship thought it was a case of each man being to blame, and bound them over for six months.

A Hardened Criminal.

A hardened criminal was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, on a charge of stealing a jacket off a bumboo pile at West Point. To this he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven days' hard labour. He was also charged with returning from banishment, and this he, too, admitted. It was stated that the man had nine previous convictions, and had been banished seven times, the last occasion being in 1912, when he was sent away for twenty years. His Worship thought the man ought to go to Criminal Sessions for trial, and decided to have the banishment order proved on Friday next, when the man will be committed.

BRITISH PRISONERS.

An Appeal for Help from Hongkong.

We have received from the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Committee, the following letter from Mr. H. W. Slade:—

12th December, 1916.

This is a begging letter and I am writing to ask you to bring to the notice of the Committee in Hongkong who have charge of the money collected for War Charities the needs of our Prisoners in Germany and elsewhere. You may have noticed in the papers that the Central Prisoners of War Committee has been formed to take over the charge of all of our prisoners. This Committee is a branch of the Red Cross but is worked as a separate organisation.

My brother Marcus offered himself for work with them about 2 months ago and has been sent out to Copenhagen to open a branch of the Red Cross there with the main object of sending bread to the prisoners. He is supplying some 10,000 men with bread twice a week. The rest of the bread is sent out mainly from Switzerland. I also am working with them in London and have been made Organising Secretary which entails a great deal of work and means trying to make the whole office run smoothly. In addition to myself Guinness of the Bank works there and this week I have got W. J. Saunders to join us. So there is quite a Hongkong element in the place.

The reason for forming the Committee was the necessity of organising the despatch of parcels to the Prisoners. During a certain fortnight in August all parcels going to prisoners of War were very carefully checked and it was found that some 30% of the men were getting hardly anything while others were getting far too much and the surplus from these was in many cases passing to the Germans, to say nothing of much illicit correspondence.

It was then decided that all Regiments should be asked to take full charge of all their men and now all food must pass through the Regiment's hands. It has been the work of the Committee to organise this and where a Regiment cannot undertake the work we do it for them.

Every one of our prisoners now receives 3 parcels of food a fortnight and 13 lbs. of bread. Each parcel weighs 10 lbs. to bring it within the parcels post limit. The information which we have gives us to understand that our men live practically entirely on the parcels which they receive and in many camps their custom is to hand their German rations over to the Russian prisoners. These rations are barely enough to keep a man from starvation. We have now taken over 9,000 men on our hands which means the packing and despatch of some 2,300 parcels a day. The whole of the work is done voluntarily, practically the only paid people in the building being the typists.

The cost of keeping a man in food and bread comes to £2 3s. 6d. per month, so you will see that a large sum is required. A large number of the people who were previously sending their friends weekly or monthly parcels send us their money instead but as the men on the whole are now receiving more than they used to do this money does not nearly cover the expense, especially as men who were not previously cared for now get their regular parcels. Any one who pays for a man's parcels can have them sent out in their name and the acknowledgment which comes back from the man is sent to the "adopter." So if Hongkong would care to "adopt" certain men who at present have no friends, the parcels would be sent as from Hongkong and their cards acknowledging the receipt would be sent out to you.

I commend this most earnestly to your consideration as, I think I have told you enough to show how much we are in need of funds, and the least we can do for our prisoners in Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria is to keep them from starvation. Of course the Germans ought to look after their prisoners themselves but they won't and we have no means of forcing them to. If Hongkong would care to help in this matter it would be best if a monthly remittance were sent and addressed to the Secretary, the Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Thurloe Place, London S.W.

Guinness is actually in charge of the department which deals with the adopters, and I would see that he at once lets you know which men are allocated to Hongkong. The enclosed slip gives you some information as to "adopters"

PIANO RECITAL.

A Charitable Effort at Government House.

Tickets (price \$3 each) for Mr. Denman Fuller's piano recital on Monday, February 5, are now obtainable at the Anderson Music Co. and the Robinson Piano Co. The object of the recital is to raise funds for the Women's War Work Association. The expenses in connection with all Mr. Denman Fuller's recitals are always small, and, on this occasion, owing to the kindness of His Excellency the Governor in throwing open Government House to everyone (whether they have called or not) for the purpose, they will be less than usual. It is estimated that the expenses will amount to less than two cents on each ticket sold, so that those who go to the recital will be assured that the full amount, subject to this deduction (which is unavoidable), will go direct to the Fund. The programmes will be sold separately at the recital in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund. The vocalist will be Mrs. Galloway, who will sing two groups of songs by British composers, including some by Mr. Denman Fuller, and the violinist Mrs. Blean, whose first appearance locally will be much looked forward to.

but we have a large list of regiments to care for since that was printed.

How to "Adopt."

An "adopter" is a person who pays a regular contribution towards the supply of food for a specified prisoner of war.

Civilians and men in the regiments noted below require adopters.

To be fully adopted, a prisoner in Germany must receive 3 parcels of food and 6 kilograms of bread per fortnight. Some men, however, are already partially provided for. Adopters, therefore, who do not see their way to adopting a prisoner completely can adopt one partially by subscribing money for one or two parcels of food a fortnight, or for bread only, or for a combination of these two. The price of a parcel of food and the cost of a fortnight's supply of bread are noted against the regiment below:

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Prospective adopters are requested to state to what extent they are prepared to adopt men, and whether they have any preference as to regiment. The Bureau will do their best to meet their wishes.

Subscriptions are ordinarily payable every four weeks, but there is no objection to payments of subscriptions for longer periods in advance.

Cheques should be made payable to the Rt. Hon. Sir Starr Jameson, and crossed "Barclay and Co."

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Lincolnshire Regiment	6 0	—
5th London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade)	6 0	—
13th London Regiment (Kensington)	6 0	—
Middlesex Regiment	6 0	—
King's Royal Rifle	6 0	7 6
South Wales Borderers	6 0	—
Yorkshire Light Infantry (King's Own)	6 0	7 6
Civilians	6 0	—

MEN'S CLUB.

Another Enjoyable Concert.

A very jolly programme was given by a concert party from Stonecutters at the Men's Club social evening on Wednesday. A large audience of 240 military men turned up, thoroughly determined to make things go, and in this they were eminently successful. A series of appropriate selections on a gramophone, kindly lent by the Robinson Piano Co., served as a fitting orchestral introduction whilst preparations were being made behind the scenes. The programme was opened by Gr. Britnell with a pleasantly-rendered song: "Shall we? Let's!," and Gr. Broadbent, with a fine patriotic song, thoroughly deserved his encore. Gr. Hartley, the "gentle maiden" of 14-stones, created plenty of amusement by "her" stentorian description of what it means to "fall in love." In fact "she" was so much in love that "she" had forgotten to provide "herself" with an encore, and so the poor boys had none! Acting Bdr. Thomas closed the first half with a well appreciated song and encore. During the short interval the catering capacity of those in charge was tested to the utmost and much credit is due to the army of military "waiters," who, with swift, but silent, tread, to the strains of merry music, glided here and there dropping never a bun save in the right place!

The second part of the programme was opened by Trum-peter Knight, who proved his probable capacity as a trumpeter of great merit by his undoubted skill as a whistler. Gr. Burton next gave a delightful rendering of "Burlington Bertie of Bow." Indeed his costume was the very last word in tailoring (with due apologies to Ah Men, of local fame). He well deserved his encore. Acting Bdr. Light, though handicapped by a severe cold, made light of his song and scored a success. He was followed by Gr. Bray, who, in spite of his name (pardon the allusion), proved that he had a voice of great richness, particularly in the lower notes. His encore was well deserved. Gr. Britnell again favoured with a cheery song, which was well received. Acting Bdr. Livezey then provided what proved to be quite the star turn of the evening. His rendering of "The villain still pursues her" will not be forgotten for some time. He was many times recalled, and deserved his success. The second half was closed by Smith Gr. Knight, whose appearance recalled a certain other entertainment in which he figured with notable success. Gr. Southall proved his worth throughout the evening as accompanist, and the concert party as a whole are much to be congratulated on their success. The National Anthem, cheers for the performers, and a return of the compliment from the concert party accompanied by a fine Hongkong "tiger" brought a jolly evening to a close. The next social evening will be held on Wednesday week, January 31, at 7 o'clock. All troops stationed in the garrison are invited. Admission is free.—Communicated.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve), state:—

Anniversary, February 5. A meeting of Superintendents, and of all Chief, Staff and other Inspectors will be held at Headquarters' Club on Monday, January 22, at 5.45 p.m., in connection with the second anniversary of the formation of the Force.

Musketry. The attention of all ranks of No. 2 Company is drawn to Orders of January 16/17.

Recruits. Of Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Companies will parade, without rifles, under the Sergeant Major at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 20.

Strength. P. O. 836 J. D. Moria, refusing to be invalided out, the Order of January 17, 1916 is cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—Hongkong certainly seems to me to be sadly behind the times in the matter of personal services, in comparison with other colonies that have adopted conscription, and with India, that has petitioned for compulsory service for local defence. It is essential that the man-power of the Colony should be trained on common-sense lines to take its proper place in the defence of the Colony, and the attitude of Hongkong in this particular is in striking contrast to that of Singapore.

The fault must be either with the men or the system. If the physically unfit are weeded out, we should still have in Hongkong a very considerable number of men of military age, with no lack of public spirit or patriotism, anxious to learn and to serve, and capable of being trained, but there is undoubtedly a lack of keenness to conform to the present system, and any reform should proceed on the lines of finding what is wrong with the system, and not upon the lines of bringing further pressure to bear upon good men to conform to a system that their common sense tells them to be hopelessly defective.

The system may have worked well in time of peace; it should have been reorganised on the outbreak of the war. What is needed is a co-ordination of all the separate units that make up our scattered forces, welding them into one efficient infantry battalion, and the organisation of detachments of Engineers, Artillery and other special branches, in accordance with the needs of the Military authorities. Differing policies and divided commands make for confusion and inefficiency. We have trained engineers in the Reserves, while the Engineers are short of men. We have in the Reserves retired officers serving as privates and retired regular soldiers and volunteers of long standing, some with war experience, who prefer to carry on in the ranks because they are dissatisfied with a system that kills initiative.

It seems to me that the present organisation should be utterly abolished and a new one established on broader lines, adapted to the changed conditions. To tinker with the existing system will be useless. In my opinion, something like the following scheme would be practicable, and what is important is that I believe it would be hailed with enthusiasm by the majority of men in the Colony. The scheme makes no encroachment on any man's business and interferes with none of the important interests of the Colony—except golf and tennis, and I say it is infinitely better to close the golf links and tennis courts to men of military age than for Hongkong to remain the butt of every other Colony that realises its responsibilities. The only point that can be urged against it is that concerning the provision of 50 men per month for whole-time duty, but I think it is absurd to urge that this cannot be done. Singapore easily adapted itself to every call made by the military, and though the mandarins were full of dark forebodings, nothing happened, except that seniors had a little more work to do, and, with equal facility, the scheme could be put in operation in Hongkong.

1. Compulsory service by enactment of all British born subjects of military age and physical fitness, and the voluntary enrolment of two companies of Hongkong Chinese.

2. Vacancies in Engineers and specialised branches to be filled by men who in civil life are engineers and specialists, and they should be told off for these branches.

3. The whole of the local forces should be organised into one command, under a paid Commandant, and Staff from the Regular Army and recognised as a Territorial Battalion, whose

FOOTBALL.

Exhibition Match on Tuesday Next.

An exhibition match between teams representing Civilians and the Services will be held on the Olab Ground at the Happy Valley on Tuesday next, kick-off at 4 p.m. The following teams have been selected:—

Civilians:—Leung Yuk Tong (S. C. Athletic); Cheung Wing Hon (S. C. Athletic); E. P. Hyndman (Lusitano); S. Maroal (Lusitano); Leung Tai Fong (S. C. Athletic); T. Knight (Kowloon); Tin Yuk On (S. C. Athletic); L. Purves (Kowloon); E. Hyndman (Lusitano); Captain, Au Kit Sang (S. C. Athletic); and F. Clemo (Kowloon). Reserves:—R. Hyndman (Lusitano); G. S. Rodger (Kowloon); and Fung Tai (S. C. Athletic).

Services:—Pte. A. G. Smith (A Coy. K.S.L.I.); Pte. P. Simpson (A Coy. K.S.L.I.); Loe. Opl. Lawrence (Staff and Deps); Sapper Andrews (R. E. Res); Gunner Long (83 Coy. R.G.A.); Gunner Coventry (88 Coy. R.G.A.); Acting Br. Watson (83 Coy. R.G.A.); Sergt. Matthews (D Coy. K.S.L.I.); Loe. Opl. Davies (Staff and Deps); A. N. Other (R. Navy Res); Gunner Cox (87 Coy. R.G.A.). Reserves:—Opl. Wood (Staff and Deps); Pte. Plimmer (D Coy. K.S.L.I.).

The referee will be Mr. F. W. Wright and the linesmen Sergt. I. Bowles, K.S.L.I., and Mr. M. Gordon Banks, R. N. Colours will be:—Civilians, red and green stripes (Lusitano); Services, blue and white hoops (R. E. Reserves). Admission to the stand will be \$1 and admission to the enclosure will be 50 cents. (Non-members only—ladies free).

The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers.

duties are partly military and partly civil, the latter in the trading interests of the Colony only. 4. Officers should be selected by the men on probation and should qualify for the issue of a commission by passing a Board of Examiners within six months, attending a School of Instruction under the Commandant meanwhile.

5. The Corps should provide, in addition to Engineer duties, 50 men per month for whole time duty and training, to live in barracks under barrack discipline, and these should be supplemented every night by 150 men who would sleep in barracks. This would mean, roughly, that each man would do a month's training every six months, and would sleep in barracks one night in four.

6. In order that trading interests shall not suffer, all parades, except those on Saturday and Sunday, should be held in the early morning.

7. The internal administration of the corps should be in the hands of the military authorities with a Board of the heads of representative business firms to advise on civil duties.

8. Exemption from duty on medical grounds should be granted only by an Army Medical Board. The present system of referring to a private practitioner to be abolished.

9. The appointment of a paid Commandant covers a good many other matters that it is hardly necessary to refer to, such as an organised scheme of war training on modern lines, a better disciplinary spirit, no tolerance of inefficiency in Officers and no civil bureaucratic control of military matters. Whatever scheme is adopted, there should be no principle permitted to interfere with military efficiency within the limits agreed to as being possible, having regard to the limited resources of the Colony.

Yours etc.,
PATRIOT.
Hongkong, January 19, 1917.
[The authorities have for some time past been giving close attention to the local man-power question, and our correspondent will see, from an official notification elsewhere, that wider use is now to be made of the Volunteers and Volunteer Reserves for military purposes.—Ed. H. K.T.]

OVERSEAS CLUB.

Hongkong Beds in Netley Hospital.

The following has been received by the Secretary of the Hongkong branch of the Overseas Club:—

British Red Cross Society, 83, Pall Mall, London, S. W.

27th November, 1916.
Dear Sir,—We have received through the Overseas Club a further contribution of \$150 to our funds from the Hongkong branch of the Overseas Club, and, according to instructions given to us, we are applying \$130 of this sum to the maintenance for 12 months of two beds at Netley Red Cross Hospital; the balance of \$20 is being placed to the credit of our general work for the sick and wounded on the various Fronts.

Official receipts are enclosed herewith, and I have to inform you that instructions have to-day been given to the Commandant at Netley Red Cross Hospital to place a tablet over two beds in the Hospital saying they are maintained by the "Hongkong Branch of the Overseas Club."

The Finance Committee desire me to convey through you to your members their warm and grateful thanks for the continued interest you take in our work and for the generous help you send to us for the sick and wounded.

Yours faithfully,
(84) ROBERT A. HUDSON,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Joined.
Pte. D. Ritchie having joined is allotted Corps No. 2050 and posted to Scouts Company.
Bugler O. O. M. Woodman having joined is allotted Corps No. 2051 and posted to Engineer Company.

Leave.
No. 1206 Loe. Opl. F. W. T. Ross is granted 3 months' extension of leave to 20.4.17.

No. 1389 Pte. B. D. Evans is granted leave for the duration of the war from 1.2.17.

Promotion.
To be Lance Corporal, dated 13.1.17.—No. 1728 Pte. F. A. Perry.

Engineer Company.
Detail of Engineer Company duties at Lyceum from 17th to 31st January has been posted at Headquarters.

Parades.
Sunday, 21st instant.—8.20 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Blake Pier for Subcalibre practice at Stonecutters.

Monday, 22nd instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery.

Thursday 25th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Friday, 26th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery. 5.15 p.m. Reports of all units at Headquarters. C. S. M. Witchell and Corpl. Grimes will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Saturday, 27th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery.

Sunday, 28th instant.—9.00 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery for half charge gun practice.

Detail.
On duty 21st instant, Scouts Company; On duty 22nd instant, Scouts Company; On duty 23rd instant, Civil Service Company; On duty 24th instant, Artillery Battery; On duty 25th instant, Centre Section M. G. Co.; On duty 26th instant, Right Section M. G. Co.; On duty 27th instant, Scouts Company. Orderly Officer from 21st to 27th instant, Lieut. C. Smith.

Relief of Prisoners.
From the Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Committee we have received a copy of a document giving full details of the scheme for the relief of British prisoners of war, as approved by H.M. Government, for work in connection with which an appeal is made elsewhere in our columns to-day.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

POULTRY.

OUR HOUSE FED CAPONS

AND CHICKENS

ARE THE BEST IN THE EAST.

TENDER EATING, DELICATE FLAVOUR—TRY THEM.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Union Trading Company of No. 3, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, that on and after this date and until further notice Mr. S. M. Churn and Mr. C. Honkey are the only Managers of the Firm and no person except them has any authority to sign any instrument or document on behalf of the Firm.

The Public is requested to bring to the Firm's notice any instrument or document purported to be made by the Firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. Churn or the said C. Honkey.

THE UNION TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY the 23rd and 24th instant.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1917.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 13th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 13th February, 1917, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1917, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Lot 1	100	100	75 years
Lot 2	100	100	75 years
Lot 3	100	100	75 years
Lot 4	100	100	75 years
Lot 5	100	100	75 years
Lot 6	100	100	75 years
Lot 7	100	100	75 years
Lot 8	100	100	75 years
Lot 9	100	100	75 years
Lot 10	100	100	75 years

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.,
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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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WANTED immediately, EUROPEAN NURSE to look after child 2 years old. Apply: Spradbery, Hongkong Hotel.

CHILDREN'S DANCING CLASS.

A Children's Dancing Class will be formed shortly. Class from 5 to 6.30 p.m. twice weekly. Central Locality. For particulars write:—"Class" c/o Hongkong Telegraph.

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China Sugars.	sa.	\$ 128.00.
H.K. Wharves.	sa.	\$ 35.00.
S'hai Docks.	sa.	\$ 87.00.
Cement.	sa.	\$ 115.00.
H.K. Electric.	sa.	\$ 50.00.
H.K. Tramways.	sa.	\$ 7.00.

HONGKONG'S WAR
CONTRIBUTION.

A Further Gift of Two
Million Dollars.

With reference to the following remarks made by the H.E. the Governor in the Legislative Council on October 17, on the first reading of the Bill to authorise the raising of a War Loan:—"I may add that, with the concurrence of Honourable Unofficial Members, it has been indicated to the Secretary of State that if the loan is a success it may be possible to extend it with the object of adding to the Colony's gift; we have received a copy of telegraphic correspondence on the subject, which is as follows:—

From the Governor of Hongkong to the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Date, January 11, 1917).—"My despatch of 2nd November No. 398, Surplus funds at end of 1916 exceed \$1,600,000. In view of this surplus issue of fresh loan to make good the promise of \$5,000,000 is unnecessary and unofficial members of both Councils unanimously desire to contribute \$2,000,000 from Colony's revenues for Imperial war purposes: \$1,500,000 at once and \$500,000 later in the year. If you concur will you please ask Crown Agents to pay to the appropriate authority \$1,600,000 using available sums in their hands and drawing on this Government for balance.—Long."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, to the Governor of Hongkong. (Date, January 18, 1917).—"Your telegram of 11th January. His Majesty's Government appreciate highly attitude of Unofficial Members of Executive Council and desire to convey warm thanks to the Government and Colony for further generous gift towards prosecution of war. Crown Agents are being instructed as desired.—Long."

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per air EMPRESS OF ASIA, from Vancouver:

Adder Mr. & Mrs. A. Jacobs Dr. W. S. Ballinger Miss E. Jones Miss A. Barmann A. Keith A. Bellamy G. B. Lewis Mrs. W. H. Bartolo Father J. A. Laurence F. L. Barnett M. A. M. Myers Mrs. M. & Mrs. Barnett Miss H. Medaris J. P. Boston Wm S. Noyes Mrs. A. A. Connors T. Nishio M. Cates Mr. & Mrs. M. Nishio J. M. Chaw Chaw Chaw Plumlee J. M. Cools T. F. Pogram G. P. Carlson Mrs. H. M. Russell H. M. V. Corcoran Miss J. M. Riche Mrs. N. Corney F. Rickards G. A. Delton G. A. Spencer Miss H. Dolson Mrs. H. Stockman Miss M. D. Dickson Mrs. E. Sane S. V. Mrs. E. Schweitzer D. E. Edwards Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. A. M. W. G. Tolman Mr. & Mrs. E. D. H. Wavens H. H. Van Gortzen C. V. Wain G. A. Gaches E. F. Wain G. A. Hallward Mr. & Mrs. Wain Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Wood A. Wallace J. H. Hopokim Mrs. M. Watson Mrs. F. L. Hancock Mrs. S. Young Wm C. Johnson H. G. Young Master A. W.

Tolstoi's Son Lecturing in the States.

Count Eli Tolstoi, second son of the late Count Leo Tolstoi, arrived at New York early last month to lecture on the life and ideals of his father. Count Tolstoi bears a striking resemblance to his father. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall and is 52 years old. This is his first visit to America. Count Tolstoi refused to discuss war or politics.—Exchange.

HONGKONG'S VOLUNTEER
FORCES.

To be More Widely Used for
Military Purposes.

We have received from the Colonial Secretary the following communication for publication:—

In pursuance of recommendations made some time ago by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and His Excellency the Governor, sanction has been received to make a wider use of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve for military purposes.

COMPANY DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends are recommended:—

Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.—7 per cent.

West Point Building Co.—Final of \$3.25.

Hongkong Central Estate.—\$7 per share.

Hongkong Land Investment Co.—Final of \$3.50.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.—The Directors will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders on February 13 the payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share; writing off book values of steamers and wharves \$50,000; the transfer to Special Reserve Funds of \$20,000; payment of a bonus to steamers officers and engineers and office staff \$5,000, and carrying forward to new account \$20,168.60.

CRICKET.

Volunteers v. Volunteer
Reserves.

The following will represent the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves against the Hongkong Volunteers for their match on the Cricket Ground to-morrow, at 2.15 p.m.:—

R. Hancock (Capt.), H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, R. E. O. Bird, C. Baswick, H. A. Nesbit, H. M. O. Severn, H. H. Taylor, K. R. Mossall, A. O. Brown and S. E. Green.

Civil Service v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club on Craigengower ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—

O. Bara (Captain), R. O. Wicheil, O. J. Tacchi, W. H. E. Emonds, F. Bacon, F. J. Ling, S. E. Alderman, C. F. Mason, J. W. Fraiks, R. Beane, P. T. Lambie, Umpire, W. H. Woolley; scorer, W. Fincher.

The following will represent Craigengower:—

L. A. Rose, B. G. Scutberton, R. Bass, B. Poston, J. A. Mann, B. W. Bradbury, F. G. Thompson, S. Jax, D. K. Kharas, J. D. Norris, and B. Graham. Reserves:—F. Schneppel, and A. Abbas.

K. C. C. v. An Army Team.

On K. C. C. Ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m. The K. C. C. team will be:—J. P. Robinson, Dr. C. Forsyth, E. J. Edwards, H. Overy, Lt. F. H. Baker, Lt. E. H. Gray, L. J. Blackburn, W. L. Weaver, J. H. Mead, A. R. F. Raven and W. T. Elson.

Swedish Export Prohibitions.

The Swedish Chamber of Commerce for the United Kingdom, London, is in receipt of a cable from the Swedish Board of Trade, Stockholm, dated the 9th inst., to the effect that the following articles have been added to the list of goods which are now prohibited for exportation from Sweden to all countries and also in transit through Sweden: Lead packings; yarn, single bleached, dyed or printed, No. 25 (English numbering) and numbers below.

GERMAN BARON'S
CAREER OF FRAUD.

Women Victims Robbed by
Bigamist.

Frauds committed by a bogus baron—a German—who ended his criminal career by hanging himself in a police cell, were recounted at the inquest at Westminster on Henry Faesck, aged 53, a customer, who had latterly posed as "Baron von Roysaal."

Faesck was found hanging in the cell at Marlborough-street police station recently, after being remanded on a charge of failing to notify his change of address. The police had intimated that further charges of bigamy and forgery would be preferred.

The widow stated that she married Faesck 20 years ago at the Royal German Chapel, Kensington, but after five years he deserted her, leaving her with two children. During their married life he sold millinery trimmings in the City.

Alice Rose Murray said that she "married" Faesck 16 years ago as Mr. Martin. He never did any work, living on her money. She lived with him for only a few weeks because she heard that he was married.

Inspector Jacobs said that when he questioned the man he replied, "Do you know who I am? I am Baron von Roysaal. Later he said: "I may as well tell the truth. My correct name is Frederick Faesck. I was born at Barth, on the Baltic, on November 17, 1864. You will find I am registered as a German at Wandsworth Police Station. I expected to be interned about March or April, and then I gave up my German name and adopted the name of Baron von Roysaal."

Papers found on him showing that he passed also as a Belgian refugee and a Dutch nobleman were false.

Inspector Marcor said Faesck had had a career of crime, and had been imprisoned for fraud. He had committed bigamy in at least two cases, obtaining from one victim \$1,300, with which he started a business in Wardour-street, W. From another woman he obtained \$400, and from a third \$100 worth of jewellery. He had been in touch with at least five other women with a view to marriage, and he obtained money from three of them. He had completely ruined one, obtaining from her a motor-car and insisting that she mortgage her house property.

Several letters were discovered from other women making pitiful appeals for the return of money lent.

The Coroner (Mr. Oddie): What was his mode of procedure?—Matrimonial newspapers. Some of these simple women, including a nurse, thought that he was a baron. In the case of a lady from Bath he stayed with her only two or three days and obtained \$40.

The Coroner: Which is the matrimonial paper?—It was an agency of which there are a number. For a fee of four guineas or five guineas these agencies put people in touch with each other, and photographs are exchanged.

The coroner commented on the traffic which brought soundreels in touch with simple, frivolous women, and remarked that Faesck had evidently been carrying on this kind of fraud for years.

The letter which Faesck wrote in the cell contained the following passage:—

"You can judge my thoughts; what most distresses (the women) is? I feel cured now, and I must try again. Oh, God, take me away from here."

A verdict of *felo de se* was returned.

Ship's Anchors.

The case in which a French ship's officer is charged with stealing ship's anchors, was again before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, when his Worship, without hearing any evidence, ordered a further remand.

ENEMY'S FLIGHT.

"Life Harder than that of
the Slave."

With the British Armies in the field, Dec. 11—I looked to-day over the enemy lines—but did not see the enemy. It was in a part of the line where an uneasy quietude prevails, though once, when I saw it first, great shells were bursting over all the fields and men were fighting there ferociously.

After the Somme front it was strange, this quietude, almost over with a dull thud of explosion just as I set off to walk through a ruined village where, through a chink in the furthest wall, one may look over to the enemy's trenches, and a few other shells—"little things" as a lonely sentry said—had come there from the gentlemen over the way in the course of the morning. But while I stayed in the place there was hardly a big gun to be heard.

It was difficult to believe that the enemy was over there on the slopes, and that his grey men were in the trenches below the white burmoochy line of chalk hills, and that his gunners away behind were able to fire—had fired three minutes ago—into the ruined street up which I walked.

The enemy was there all right, though staring through the crack in the broken wall and dodging among these quiet, sinister ruins for better points of view, one could see no sign of him, no sign of life at all along the ridge, or below in other bits of ruin, or in the chalk walled ditches which criss-crossed the lonely, barren land. There where we could not see them were large numbers of the grey men who fought against us on the Somme—they have all been into that "Bath of Blood" at some time or other since July 1—and who in this quiet part of the line are "resting" until another battle begins.

I knew what they were thinking about, those invisible men. I knew that they were writing in their dug-outs over there. I could read—even without seeing the letters that came to them from home. For they are all thinking and writing and reading the same things about this war, according to the letters, diaries, and scribbled notes we have captured by the bagful, and according to the prisoners we take. I have seen some of these letters and they tell the truth, as it is seen by men who have escaped great perils of death and wonder how long they have to live, and what the lack of war will bring them.

It is certain that the discomfort of our own men in winter trenches is not a one-sided feature of the war, but is surpassed in certain parts of the line—most of all on the Somme—by what the enemy has to suffer. His front line is for the most part on the battered trenches and shell-holes, without deep dug-outs and only a few "funk-holes," hardly proof against shrapnel fire, and no protection against artillery and mortar fire. His support line is usually a trench, but without duck-boards or revetting, and his reserve line is strong, provided with tunnelled dugouts upon which he is working industriously. His communication trenches have been made impassable by mud and shell-fire, and all carrying and relief are carried out over the open by night without any kind of cover.

The men suffer intensely from cold and wet. Unlike our own soldiers, whom I have seen today and since the hard weather began warmly protected in their "woolies," the Germans have had no allowances of leather fur, or sheepskin coats. Woolen vests, stomachers, and mittens have been issued to them, but no change of socks and underclothes is taken into the trenches and many of these men are verminous.

Large numbers of the men are suffering from the effects of cold and wet weather, being especially prone to stomach and chest complaints, but they complain that the medical officers are harsh, and treat all the sick as malingerers. Even when they get out of the misery of the wet trenches

VOLUNTEER RESERVE
ORDERS.

Order No. 4, issued to-day by
Major W. H. W. R., Commanding
H. K. V. R., states:—

On duty from the morning of Sunday the 21st January to the morning of Sunday the 28th January, H. K. V. R. C. Next for duty, "B" Coy. H. K. V. R.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. B. R. Branch.

Parades.

Monday, 22nd instant.—Rehearsal on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lieut. Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Tuesday, 23rd instant.—nil.

Wednesday, 24th instant.—nil.

Thursday, 25th instant.—nil.

Rehearsal on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigues. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lieut. Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Friday, 26th instant.—"A" and "B" Coys. on the road outside the Law Courts at 4.45 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Semaphore Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lieut. Opl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Sunday 28th instant.—"A" and "B" Coys. Signalling and Machine Gun Sections for field operations. Time of parade will be notified later.

Strength.

No. 625 Pte. J. Grant is permitted to resign.

Pte. H. A. Baxter having joined is allotted Corps No. 633 and posted to Coy "B," Platoon No. VII, Section 11.

Appointment.

No. 150 Pte. H. G. Elson is appointed Honorary Armourer Sergeant with effect from 13th January, 1917.

Notice.

It is proposed to form a branch Association in Hongkong. Any ex-R. E. is eligible for membership. (Subscription 2/- per annum). Further information can be obtained from Q.M.S. O. F. Lintell; R. E. R. E. Office, Wellington Barracks.

Social Evening.

A social in connection with St. Peter's Church was held at the Seamen's Institute last night, when there were about 70 people present. There were several items of music, which, together with a few round games, contributed to the success of the evening.

and the terror of the shell-fire there is no comfort in many of their rest-billets, where they are crowded together in damp cellars.

"It is impossible to describe how awful it is here," write one man—and there are many who write like him. "I would not wish my worst enemy in this hell. Every second is torture."

The seconds lengthen out into hours and the hours into days, for the divisions are being left in the lines much longer than formerly. At one point one of the divisions was in the line for 43 days, and another 21 days.

"I think our fate is harder than that of the slave," writes one poor wretch. "Slaves have the lives of gentlemen compared with us. May it all just come to an end; how, I do not care."

These letters and these facts do not prove that the spirit of the German troops is broken. But they do prove that in trenches like those at which I looked to-day the German is not having a comfortable "resting" time, and that the strain of war is telling upon him mentally and bodily. Philip Gibbs, in the *Daily Chronicle*,

THE ALLIES AND PEACE.

Europe Must be Safeguarded
Against "Status Quo."

What sort of peace the Allies are fighting for, and how far short of it comes the offer of the German Chancellor, may be gathered from the following declarations by men who have the right to voice the determination of Britain. The new Premier and the old, as well as members of both Cabinets, are agreed in pronouncing that the war can end only in a peace imposed upon the War Lords of Central Europe, not dictated by them in the heyday of their transitory triumphs.

Mr. Asquith.—Peace, yes; but on one condition only—that the war, with its waste, its sacrifices, its untold sufferings, its glorious and undying examples of courage and unselfishness—shall not have been in vain. There can be no question of any separate peace. And the peace, when it comes, be it soon or late—and I will not disguise from you for a moment my conviction that the struggle will tax all our resources, and our whole stock of patience and resolve—the peace must be such as will build upon a sure and stable foundation the security of the weak, the liberties of Europe, a free future for the world.—At the Guildhall, November 9, 1916.

Mr. Lloyd George.—In the British determination to carry the fight to a decisive finish there is something more than the natural demand for vengeance. The inhumanity and the pitilessness of the fighting that must come before a lasting peace is possible is not comparable with the cruelty that would be involved in stopping the war while there remains the possibility of civilisation again being menaced from the same quarter. Peace now or at any time before the final and complete elimination of this menace is unthinkable. No man or no nation with the slightest understanding of the temper of the citizen Army of Britain, which took its terrible hammering without a whimper or a grumble, will attempt to call a halt now.—In interview with United Press of America, September 1916.

Vicount Grey.—It is because we have had this terrible experience now on the Continent of Europe—we and our Allies—of what war does mean; that we are determined that the war shall not end till we can be sure that at any rate the generations which come after us and our nations in future shall not be subject to such a terrible trial again.—At Hotel Cecil, October 23, 1916.

Mr. Bonar Law.—The victory at which we are aiming—which we mean to secure—will be no victory at all if it does not mean this: That never again in our time or in the time of those who come after us will it be in the power of one man or of a group of men to plunge the world into the misery that surrounds us to-day.—August 4, 1916. If militarism, according to the Prussian standard, is not crushed by the repetition of the present catastrophe, and civilisation in Europe will go down before barbarism, as did that of Rome. All the outpouring of blood and treasure which the war involves will have been in vain if the piling up of armaments which preceded this conflict is to go on undiminished afterwards.—In interview with *New York Times*, February 20, 1916.

Lord R. Cecil.—To such peace proposals (Dr. Bethmann Hollweg's) there is only one answer. We refuse. We are fighting for the old Belgium. That which has been broken shall be restored and with the nations and Government who broke it, we shall never have peace so long as they have the effrontery to claim the right of playing Providence with the pieces. Has not the world made up its mind where the responsibility for starting the war lies? Upon the Allies, whose forces were not ready for offence, or upon Germany, who had planned in advance the violation of Belgium? Now Germany says she wishes an end to the hostilities. Is it because she loves peace? No! Because her early hopes of victory are dwindling, and she wishes to draw off all her resources from her present position. Lord Curzon.—We are resolved to endure to the end. We will not take our hand from the plough until the furrow, long and bloody though it be, is driven through to the end. We were with France, side by side, at the start; we will be with her at the finish, and we will not be satisfied with a premature or uncertain truce. July 1, 1915, I have been a member of the Cabinet of which I am a member. But the one thing I have never heard discussed was peace. It is a word that in the present stage of the war has been expunged from the vocabulary.—May 6, 1916.

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THE YARN MARKET.

An Unexpected Change for
the Better.

Moore, Polishwalla and Kottwalt report as follows under date of January 18:—

We last reported on the 23rd December, since when there have been more working days, owing to the delay in the scheduled departure of the homeward English mails.

We then predicted a quiet and uninteresting market in view of the forthcoming Chinese New Year and the consequent stock-taking on the part of the native dealers. The unexpected, however, has happened. The favourable reaction in cotton, and systematically slumping exchange on India, have radically changed the aspect of the market and values have again looked up as fast as they had receded.

The beginning of the period was marked by a particularly brisk demand, and as important orders, quite a respectable business to the tune of 11,000 bales entered the books, including several well-sized parcels "to arrive." The closing, however, has not been characterised by the same agility as the opening, because dealers seem to have secured all they wanted and are now chary of following the further advance dictated by holders. In view of the fast-approaching New Year and having regard to the difficulty of securing exchange on India, any further business seems difficult to connect and the market closes quiet, although on the firm side.

Sales during the fortnight amount 11,000 bales. Stocks, including undelivered contracts, are estimated at 25,900 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail steamer Nyanza and extra steamer Indo Mira from Bombay have brought in 4,600 bales for Hongkong and 3,500 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports 2,500 bales.

Japanese Yarns.—Have proved a much stronger market and business was hampered only by the paucity of supplies. Rates mark advance of over \$12 and transactions include:—700 Bales Yellow Jaws No. 20 at \$162/170; 1,200 Bales Nagasaki No. 20 at \$167/177; 200 Bales 3 Horns No. 16 at \$168; Quotation Setna No. 20 at \$185.

and be in a position after the war still to dominate the Continent with the threat of their formidable military machine.—In interview with American newspaper men, April 8, 1916.

Mr. Rusdman.—For many years to come our action must be dominated largely by the feeling that the peace of Europe was disturbed by our most aggressive neighbour, and those feelings and opinions are not likely to be lessened in the course of a destructive war, and that we must see to it that never again do we allow any Power in Europe, no matter which it may be, to disturb our peace, to endanger the well-being of our neighbours, or to deal desolation and disaster amongst innocent people.—April 19, 1916.

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HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

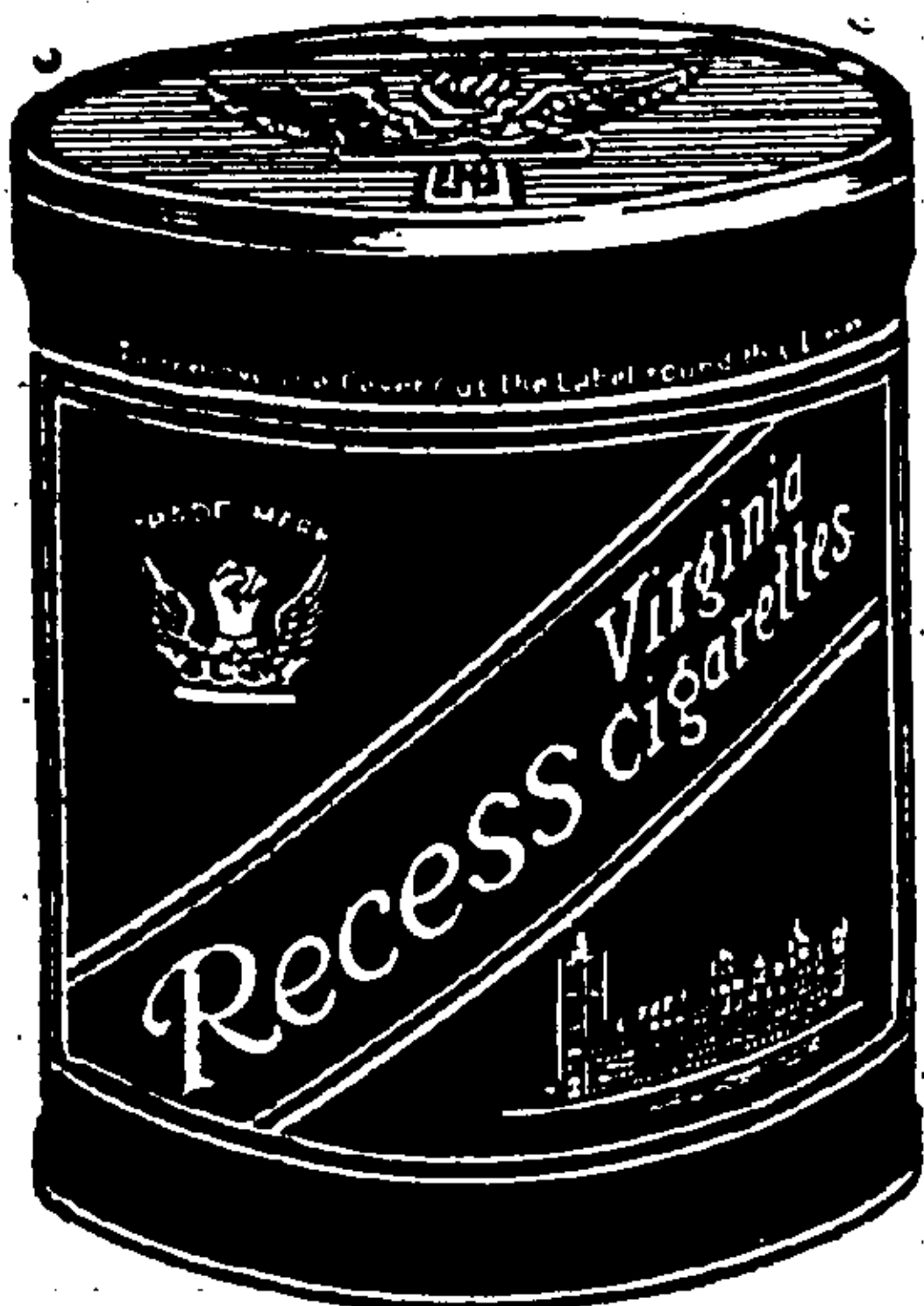
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CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS AT CARDIFF.

Proposed Dismissal from Council's Service.

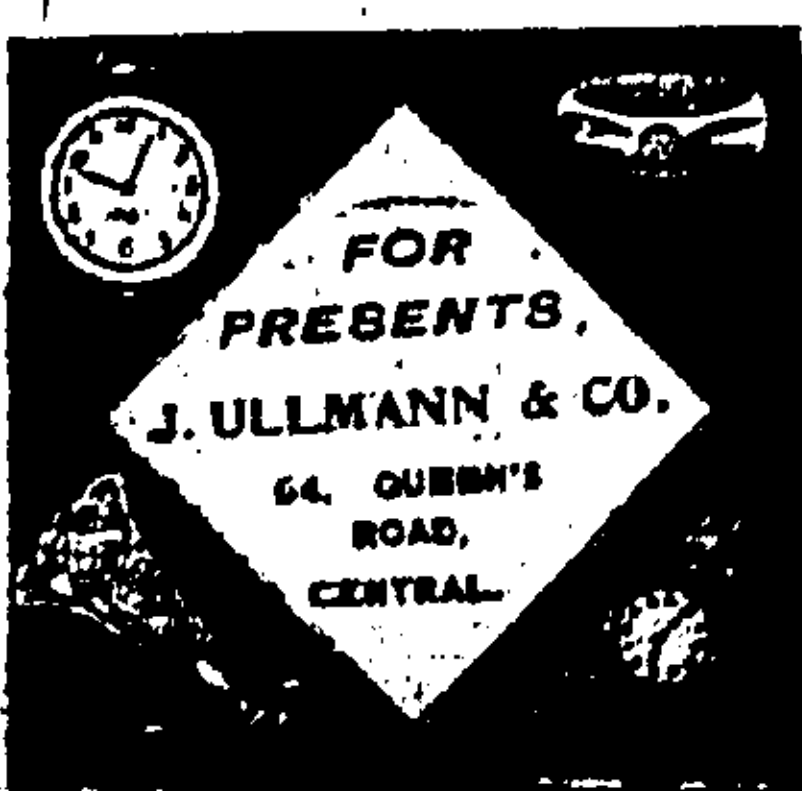
The Cardiff City Council has passed a resolution declaring it to be undesirable that after 31st December any person who was a conscientious objector to military service should continue in the pay of the Council or of any Committee thereof, and that a committee, consisting of the Lord Mayor and the chairman of the various committees, be appointed to go into each individual case.

Alderman Alfred Thomas said that some of their employees who had conscientious objections had already resigned. He objected to men taking advantage of the clause in the Act of Parliament, especially when their conscientious objection was not genuine. One objector to military service because he could not kill a German but some time later he said that if he had a revolver he would have shot Lord George.

Councillor Thompson said that there were very many genuine objectors who were not desirous of personal courage or public spirit and they had no justification for excluding such men from their service.

Councillor Kirk said that there was one type of conscientious objector he strongly objected to—namely, those who went to chapel to sing hymns of peace on Sunday to their own self-satisfaction and self-glorification, and then went to the docks next morning to gamble on ships. Their conscience did not forbid them to make profit from the war.

The resolution was carried, with four dissentients.

WAR DEPARTMENT
CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, for the undermentioned services, until 12 o'clock noon, on the dates stated:—

Fuel and Washing, 16th February, 1917.
Forage and Indian Supplies, 20th February, 1917.
Meat and General Supplies, "A," 27th February, 1917.
Hospital Supplies, 1st March, 1917.
General Supplies "B," 2nd March, 1917.

Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above office between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Forage, etc."

Tenders must be, and will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith, such sum to be forfeited to the State if the tenderer fails to attend at the Headquarters Office after twenty-four hours' notice in writing being left at the tenderer's address, or fails to render in samples within twenty-four hours of written application being left at the said address, or refuses to accept a contract allotted to him.

The right to reject all, or any, tenders is specially reserved.

THE HONGKONG LAND
RECLAMATION CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 18th to MONDAY 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHOOTE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

RUBBER SHARE
REPORT.

PRICES BY MAIL From
SINGAPORE Dated
Dec. 28th, 1916.

Sterling Shares.

Nom. Value. Buyers Sellers.

2 1/2 Shares.

Allagar	2/3	2/9
Anglo-Java	4/-	5/-
Anglo-Malay	10/-	12/-
Batang Malaka	3/2	3/8
Bekoh	3/-	3/7 1/2
Bkt. Mertajau	3/6	4/6
Bkt. Sembawang	3/6	3/-
Chersonese (F.M.S.)	3/8	4/-
Chimpul	1/6	1/10
Cicely	17/6	20/-
Cicely Prod.	18/-	21/-
Consolidated	10/-	12/8
Heawood	2/6	2/8
Kamuning Perak	3/3	3/9
Kota Tinggi	2/3	2/9
Labu (F.M.S.)	6/-	7/6
Linggi Ord.	18/-	20/-
London A.R.	6/6	7/3
Merlimau	4/6	5/6
Padang Jawa	2/6	3/-
Pataling	30/-	35/-
Perak	5/-	6/6
Port Dickson	22/6	25/-
Selangor	3/-	3/8
S'pore Para	2/3	2/9
S'pore United	2/3	2/9
Str. Settlements (Bertram)	1/12	5/7 1/2
Sumatra Para	6/2	7/6
Unit. Serdang		
Sumatra	11/6	13/-
Unit. Sumatra	6/6	7/6
Unit. Temiang	2/10	3/3
Vallambrosa	16/3	17/3

4 1/2 Shares.

Batu Tiga	60/-	80/-
Bkt. Rajah	13/1	150/0
Caslefield	100/-	112/6
Damansara	63/-	75/-
H'lands & L'lands	50/-	55/-
Kuala Lumpur	80/-	95/-
Landron	40/-	45/-
Laogon (Java)	45/-	50/-
Ledbury	57/-	57/6
Lumut	37/6	45/-
Malacca B.P.		
Ord.	80/-	90/-
7 1/2 Prof.	70/-	80/-
Nordana	21/-	23/6
Permas	28/9	35/-
Pegoh	42/6	60/-
Rembia Ord.	28/-	30/-
Rembia Prof.	24/-	29/-
Rubber Plant		
Invest	21/-	23/6
Sapong	25/-	30/-
Seaford	80/-	90/-
Seremban	17/6	20/-
Shelford	27/6	35/-
Sialang	60/-	70/-
S'gei Way	75/-	85/-
Tebrau (Johore)	60/-	70/-
Unit. Sux Betong	50/-	60/-

Dollar Shares.

Alor Gajah	3.75	4.00
Ayer Kunia	1.30	1.40
Ayer Molek	2.30	2.40
Bagawan	4.60	4.80
Bkt. Jelutong	.65	.75
Bkt. Katil	.75	.85
Glennaly	2.0	2.40
Jeram	1.75	1.90
Jimah	1.75	1.85
Malaka Pinda	1.85	2.00
Mandai Tekong	.80	.95
Pantai	1.90	2.00
Punggur	.75	.85
Tambalak	.90	1.00
Ulu Pandan	.80	.90
Unit. Malacca	1.00	1.15

5 1/2 Shares.

Kempas	7.00	7.50
Malakoff	4.70	4.85
New Serendah	4.00	4.30
Sandyford	4.50	5.00
S'gei Bagan	3.40	3.60
Trafalgar	1.30	1.60

5 3/4 Shares.

Ayer Panas	11.25	12.00
Ch'kat Serdang	9.25	9.60
Haylor	10.00	11.00
Kelemak	6.00	6.50
Lunas	6.50	7.00
Mergui	4.50	4.80
Nyalas	6.50	6.80
Pajem	10.00	10.50
Rodella	10.35	10.75
Telak Anson	10.50	11.50

5 1/2 Shares.

Bukit Timah	12.00	15.00
Indragiri	19.00	20.00
Padang Belang	3.50	4.00
Tapah	21.00	22.00

POST OFFICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Tuesday next, the 23rd January, being Chinese New Year Day, the Post Office will be entirely closed.

There will be no delivery or collection of correspondence from the Pillar Boxes. Non-Boxholders may, however, obtain their ordinary correspondence on application at the enquiry counter at the South-West entrance to the building. On Wednesday, the 24th January, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 3 and the delivery and collection of ordinary correspondence as on Saturdays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS
OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.
Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.
Cheung Chow.—Week days, 2 p.m.
Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Aberdeen, Antau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Simsbai and Wubow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Nantau and Sennet.—Week days, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 4 p.m.
Shamshun.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN
BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.; 1.30 p.m.
Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 9.30 p.m.
Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Shek K.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.
Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kungchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.
Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Joslin M., Jap., ss. 601, Harushima, 18th Jan.—Keelung, 16th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.
Manapuri, Br., ss. 1,259, Wilson, 18th Jan.—Saigon, 15th Jan., Rice—E. H. Ry & Co.
Taiwan M., Jap., ss. 1,084, Hamura, 18th Jan.—Bangkok, 15th Jan., Rice—C. S. N. Co.
Tatsung, Br., ss. 977, Matheua, 18th Jan.—Haiphong, 17th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Chiyoko M., Jap., ss. 1,060, Sakemoku, 19th Jan.—Kobe, 16th Jan., Coal—Gilmay & Co.
Empress of Asia, Br., ss. 8,881, Davi on, 19th Jan.—Vancouver, 29th Dec., Gen.—C. P. O. S.

Kwangle, Chi., ss. 1,468, Sangster, 16th Jan.—Shanghai, 15th Jan., Gen.—C. S. N. Co.
V. Lund, Nor., ss. 1,114, Manchester, 19th Jan.—Chifu-gao, 17th Jan., Coal—D. & Co.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.10—No ret. rms from Japanesetats. Pressure has decreased moderately along the east coast of China, and slightly along the south coast to Tournai and over the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened, and a depression has formed over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon is indicated over the China Sea. It is interrupted to the north of Amoy.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 p.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 0.53 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. or variable winds, moderate; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

January 19, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds.	Weather.
Victoria	6a	29.94	0	n	5b	
Nemuro	5a					
Hakodate						
Kobe						
Kochi						
Nagasaki						
Kagawa						
Oshima						
Naha						
Lah'jima						
Bonin Is.						
Beifu	6a	29.94	30	77	sw	4b
Wharfed						
Hankow						
Ichang						
Kiukiang						
Changsha						
Shanghai		30.22	28	82	sw	2b
Gutzlaff		30.20	34	82	sw	2b
Sharp P.		30.10	46	69	w	1b
Amoy	6a	30.19	46	62	ne	1b
Sweat						
Taihouku	5a	30.14	52	75	cce	4c
Taihu		3.13	43			0b
Tainan		30.10	46	n	4b	
Koshun		30.06	61	nne	6c	
P'lores		3.11	55	nne	6b	
Canton	6a	30.19	41	75	n	2b
H'kong		30.13	52	75	n	2b
Gap Rock		30.14			one	4b
Macao		30.15	48	54	sw	2 of
Wuchow	6a					
Paohai						
Holhow						
Phuieu	7a	31.15	54	53	nne	2b
Tourane		30.06	61	nne	4b	
St. J.		29.58	63	cce	4b	
Agass						
Dagupan		29.82	70	91	se	2c
Manila		29.84	72	91	0c	
Luzon		29.80	75	92	nne	2c
Tacloban		29.75	75	94	lw	4c
Iloilo						
Surigao						
Laoan		29.73	77	94	n	4b

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1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

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Previous Day On date On date.

Barometer 30.17 31.19 30.10

Temperature 61 52 63

Humidity 32 75 37

Wind Direction ESE ESE W

Force 2 2 2

Weather b b b

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

H'kong open air Temperature on the 19th 52

Lowest 48

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